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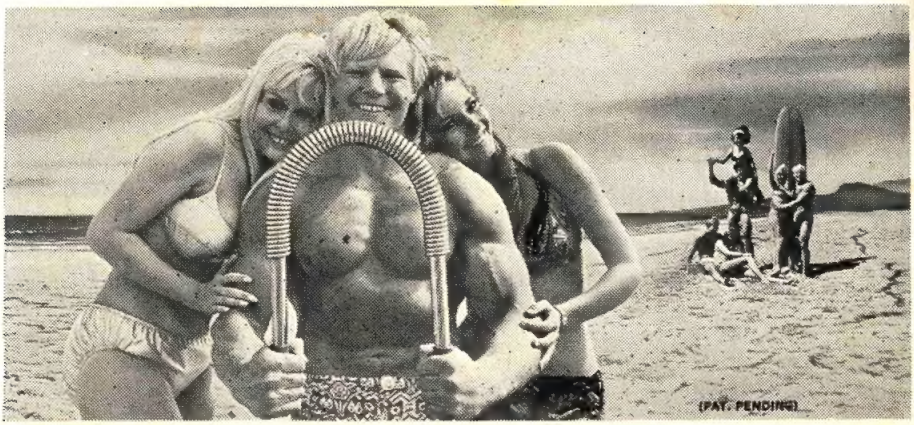


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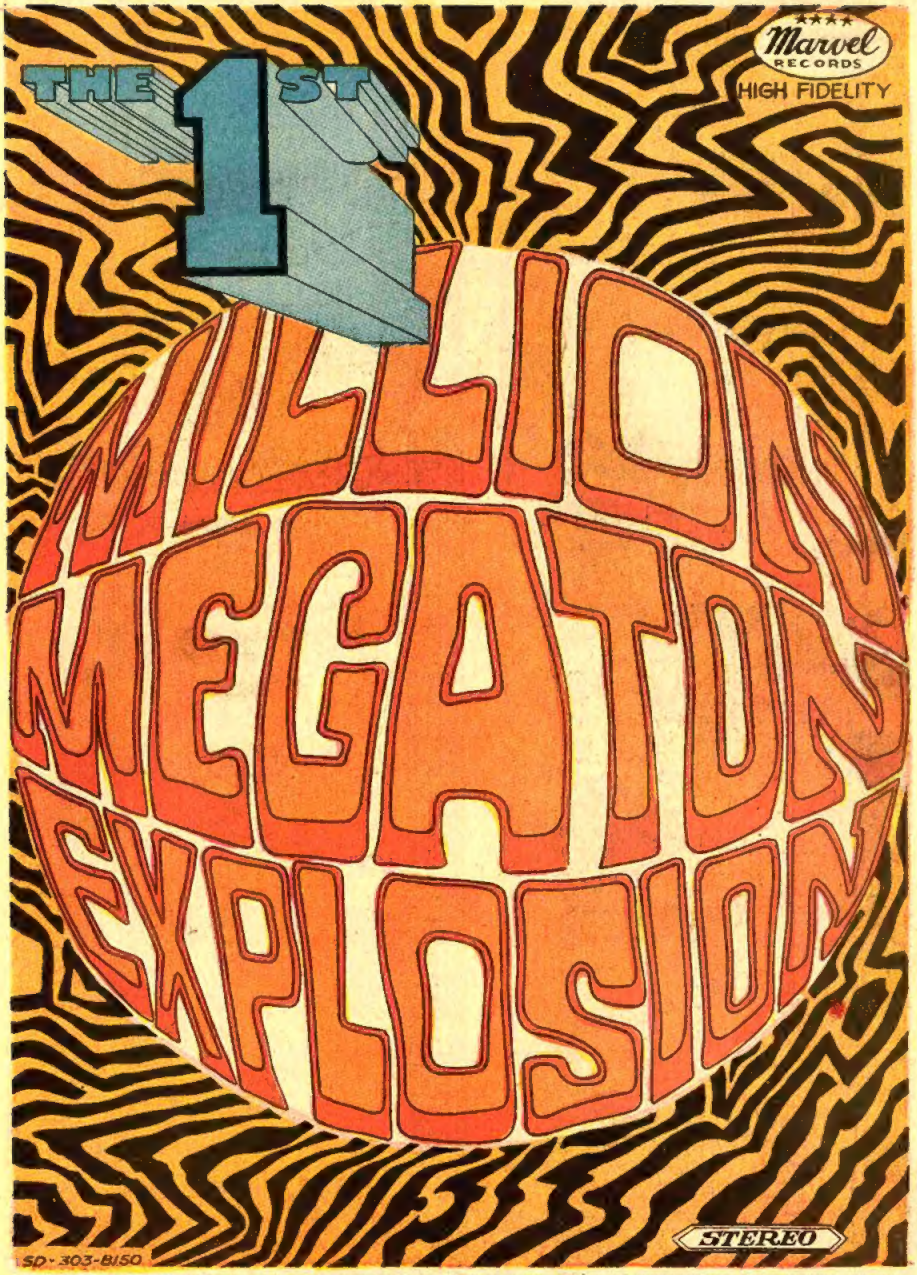


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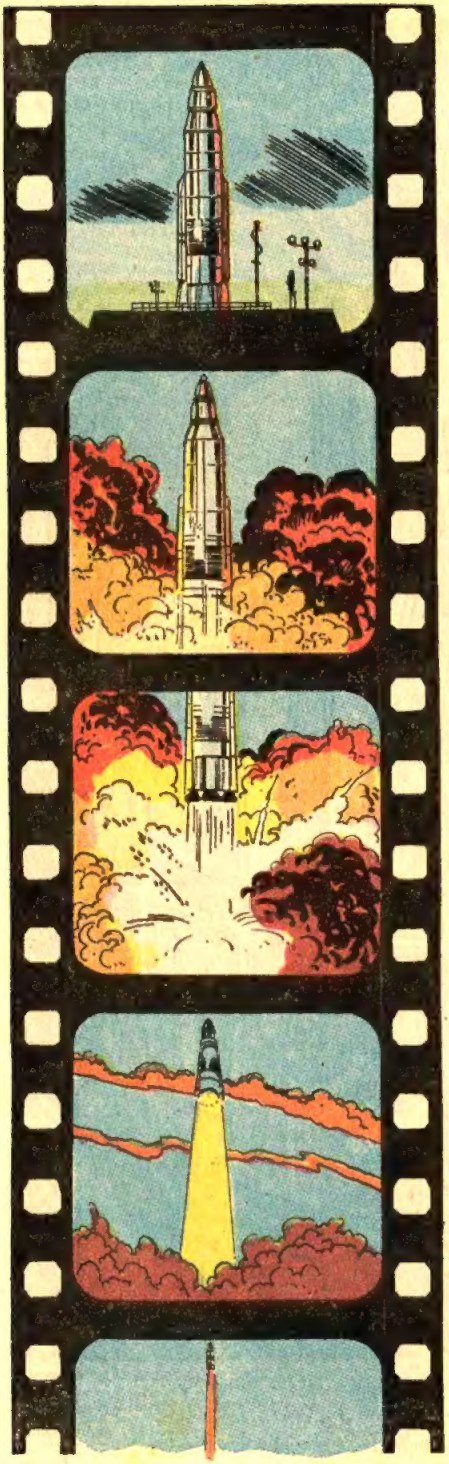

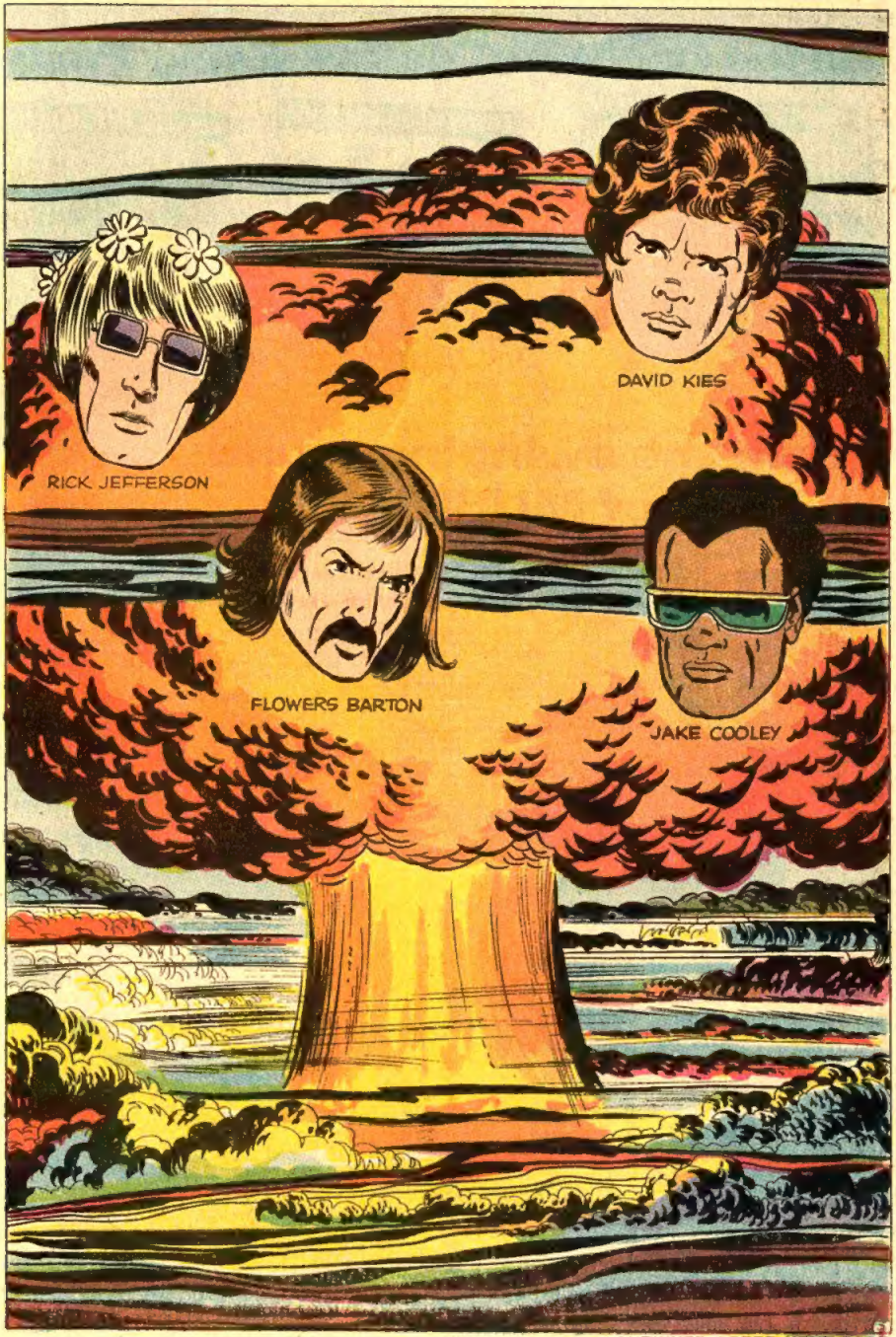


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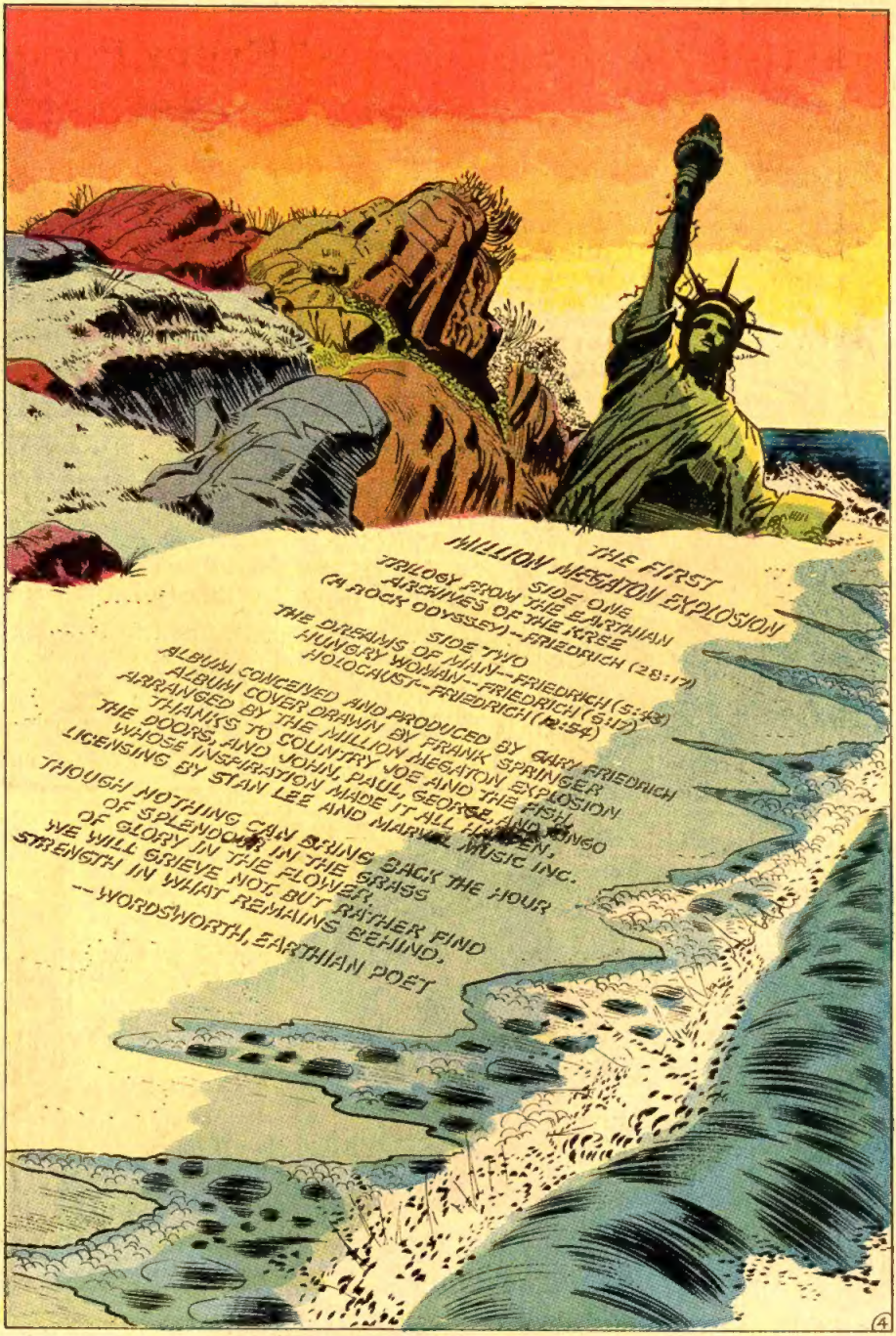
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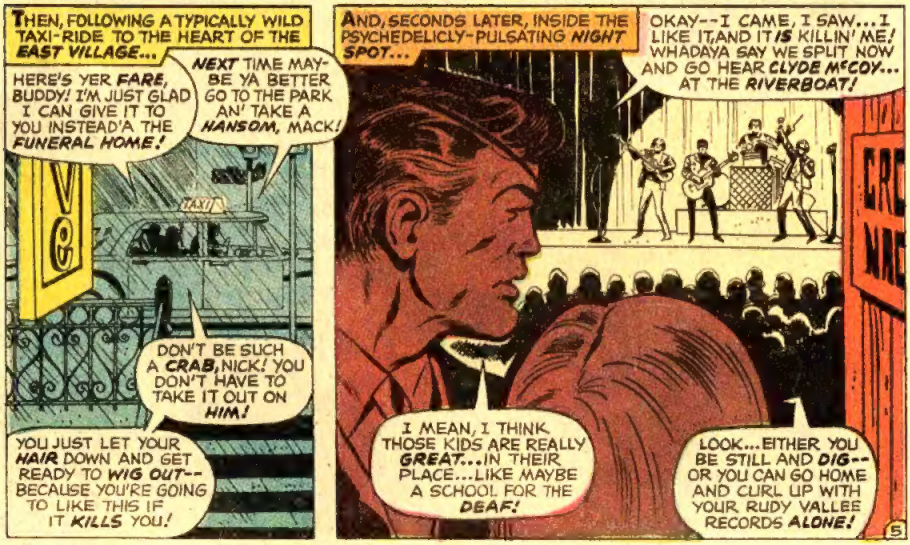
YOU ARE NOT AN OLDTIMER! A MAN'S ONLY AS OLD AS HE THINKS HE IS! NOW LET'S GO!
JUST MY LUCK! I FINALLY GET ME A NIGHT OFF--
...AND I GOTTA SPEND IT MAKIN' LIKE A BLASTED TEENY-BOPPER!
THE NEW SOUNDS HAPPEN TO BE VERY ADULT! YOU MIGHT EVEN LEARN SOMETHING FROM THEM!
I DON'T NEED TA LEARN HOW TO STAY AWAY FROM THE BARBER!
BUT, IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY--C'MON!
I JUST WANT YA TO KNOW WE'D HAVE A LOT MORE FUN STAYIN' HOME TA WATCH DEAN MARTIN!
ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS--YOU MAY BE RIGHT--BUT I DOUBT IT!
AH, HERE COMES A CAB!


THEN, FOLLOWING A TYPICALLY WILD TAXI-RIDE TO THE HEART OF THE EAST VILLAGE...
HERE'S YER FARE, BUDDY! I'M JUST GLAD I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU INSTEAD'A THE FUNERAL HOME!
NEXT TIME MAY-BE YA BETTER GO TO THE PARK AN' TAKE A HANSOM, MACK!
DON'T BE SUCH A CRAB, NICK! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT OUT ON HIM!
YOU JUST LET YOUR HAIR DOWN AND GET READY TO WIG OUT--BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE THIS IF IT KILLS YOU!
AND, SECONDS LATER, INSIDE THE PSYCHEDELICLY-PULSATING NIGHT SPOT...
OKAY--I CAME, I SAW... I LIKE IT, AND IT IS KILLIN' ME! WHADAYA SAY WE SPLIT NOW AND GO HEAR CLYDE McCOY... AT THE RIVERBOAT!
I MEAN, I THINK THOSE KIDS ARE REALLY GREAT... IN THEIR PLACE... LIKE MAYBE A SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF!
LOOK... EITHER YOU BE STILL AND DIG--OR YOU CAN GO HOME AND CURL UP WITH YOUR RUDY VALLEE RECORDS ALONE!

AWRIGHT... I GOT YA!
HEY, MAN--CATCH THAT! LOOKS LIKE THE OLD FOLK'RE MOVIN' IN ON US!
DEED IT DO, DADDY--BUT THAT GROOVY EYE-PATCH REALLY KNOCKS ME OUT!

THEN SUDDENLY, SHE SMILES AT YOU AND YOU KNOW JUST EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, YOU FLASH A SMILE OF PUREST PEARL WHITE ERROL FLYNN, AND OPEN UP THE TRAP YOU KNOW YOU MUST FALL IN!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, NICK? I MEAN...
I UNDERSTAND IT, OKAY! THEY'RE SAYIN'... WHAT'S AN OLD MAN LIKE YOU DOIN' IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!

YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION! IT'S A ROMANTIC SONG, WHICH DEALS WITH THE FRUSTRATIONS OF...
YEAH, I CAN JUST SEE US CUDDLIN' UP IN FRONT'A THE FIREPLACE TO THAT!
IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF ROMANTIC SONG, NICK! IT HAS DEEP MEANING! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO THE LYRICS AND-- OH, I GIVE UP!

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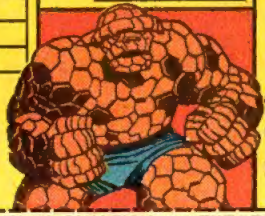

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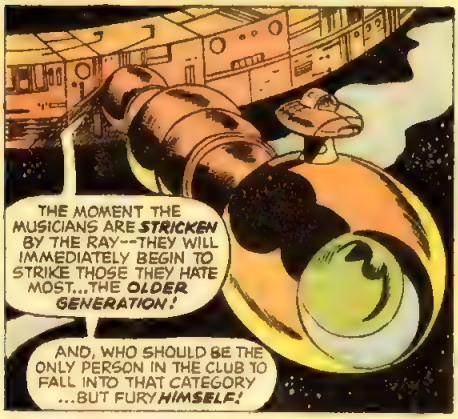
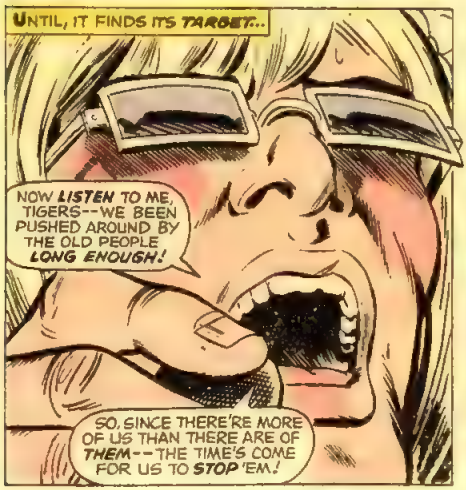
BUT, WHILE THE YOUNGER GENERATION BUGALOOS AWAY ITS TROUBLES TO THE ANGUISH OF NICK FURY...
...ANOTHER FIGURE WATCHES THE PROCEEDINGS SPECULATIVELY FROM HIS ORBITING FORTRESS HIGH ABOVE...
PERFECT! PERFECT! IT COULDN'T BE BETTER HAD I PLANNED IT THIS WAY!

IN THE ACT OF POSSESSING THE MINDS OF AN INFLUENTIAL YOUNG MUSICAL GROUP WITH MY HATE-RAY...
...I WILL ALSO FINALLY DISPOSE OF NICK FURY!


THE MOMENT THE MUSICIANS ARE STRICKEN BY THE RAY--THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO STRIKE THOSE THEY HATE MOST...THE OLDER GENERATION!
AND, WHO SHOULD BE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE CLUB TO FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY ...BUT FURY HIMSELF!

AND NOW, WITH BUT THE PULL OF A LEVER...

...I WILL START A REVOLUTION WHICH WILL TEAR EARTH APART...
...AND FURY WILL BE ITS INITIAL VICTIM!
THEN, THE RAY RIPS THROUGH SPACE AT THE VERY SPEED OF LIGHT...


UNTIL, IT FINDS ITS TARGET...
NOW LISTEN TO ME, TIGERS--WE BEEN PUSHED AROUND BY THE OLD PEOPLE LONG ENOUGH!
SO, SINCE THERE'RE MORE OF US THAN THERE ARE OF THEM--THE TIME'S COME FOR US TO STOP 'EM!

YOUTH-POWER, BABY!
THEY WON'T GIVE US WHAT WE WANT--SO WE'RE GONNA TAKE IT!
AND WE'LL START WITH THAT ONE-EYED OLD CREEP SITTING RIGHT IN THE ROOM!
WE'RE WITH YOU, RICK! LET'S GO GET 'IM!

NICK... LOOK OUT!
SPONG!
UNNNHHH!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL SOCKIN' IT TO 'IM!
YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, RICK-O! OLD GRAMPS THERE JUST COULDN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU!
WHILE HIGH ABOVE, TWO HATE-FILLED EYES WATCH THE MELEE ANXIOUSLY...
...HUNGRILY DEVOURING THE RAPIDLY GROWING MOLECULES OF PENDING DISASTER!
IT'S WORKING--AND EVEN BETTER THAN I ANTICIPATED! THE NEW, ALL-POWERFUL UNIVERSAL HATE-RAY IS SUCCESSFUL!
NOW NOTHING CAN STOP ME FROM USING IT TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF EARTH!
YOU KIDS GONE OUTTA YER SKULLS? WHAT'VE YOU GOT AGAINST ME?!
JUST YOUR AGE, BUDDY! --AND THAT'S ALL WE NEED! WE KNOW YOU'RE SPYIN' ON US--FOR THEM!
I GOTTA HUNCH THERE'S MORE TA THIS THAN THERE SEEMS TO ME--AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT IS!
BUT WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT--SO GRIT YER TEETH AND STAY BEHIND ME! HERE WE GO!
BY TURNING YOUNG AGAINST OLD--FATHER AGAINST SON--THE WORLD IS DOOMED TO OBLITERATE ITSELF!
I HAVE ONLY TO INCREASE THE RAY'S FORCE--AND THE FATE OF A CIVILIZATION WILL BE SEALED!

SORRY TA TEAR INTO YA LIKE THIS WHEN I KNOW YOU AIN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOIN'--BUT TO TELL THE TRUTH, I JUST AIN'T GOT A CHOICE!
:AAGGHHH! THAT CAT MIGHT BE AN OLD TIGER--BUT HE SURE DON'T FIGHT LIKE IT, BABY!
GET HIM! SURELY ALL'A YOU CAN HANDLE ONE GREY-HAIRED OLD MAN!
IF HE GETS AWAY--HE'LL CLUE THE OLDIES IN TO WHAT WE'RE DOING!
AND, AS THE SHIELD STALWART BATTLES FOR HIS VERY LIFE...
THAT'S IT...GO ON--FINISH HIM! I CANNOT BE ASSURED OF VICTORY UNTIL NICK FURY IS DEAD!
...AND CAN NO LONGER POSE ANY THREAT WHATSOEVER TO MY GLORIOUS DESTINY AS LEADER OF THE MASTER RACE!
BUT, WHY SHOULD I FEAR HIM--WHEN, IN SPITE OF THE ANGUISH HE HAS CAUSED ME IN THE PAST, I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT MY PEOPLE ARE DESTINED TO RULE!
WHY SHOULD I CARE IF HE LIVES OR DIES--WHEN I KNOW THAT MY OWN SUPERIORITY MUST INEVITABLY OVERCOME HIM?!
IN FACT, IT MAY BE BETTER IF HE DOES NOT PERISH NOW--FOR IT WOULD BE AMUSING TO TOY WITH HIM FOR A WHILE...YES!! AND I CAN BE ASSURED I WILL BE ALLOWED THAT PLEASURE... MERELY BY WEAKENING THE HATE-RAY'S POWER!
THEN, AS THE SINISTER SENTINEL OF EVIL MANIPULATES THE DIALS ON A COMPLEX INSTRUMENT PANEL WITHIN HIS REVOLVING SPACE-WHEEL...



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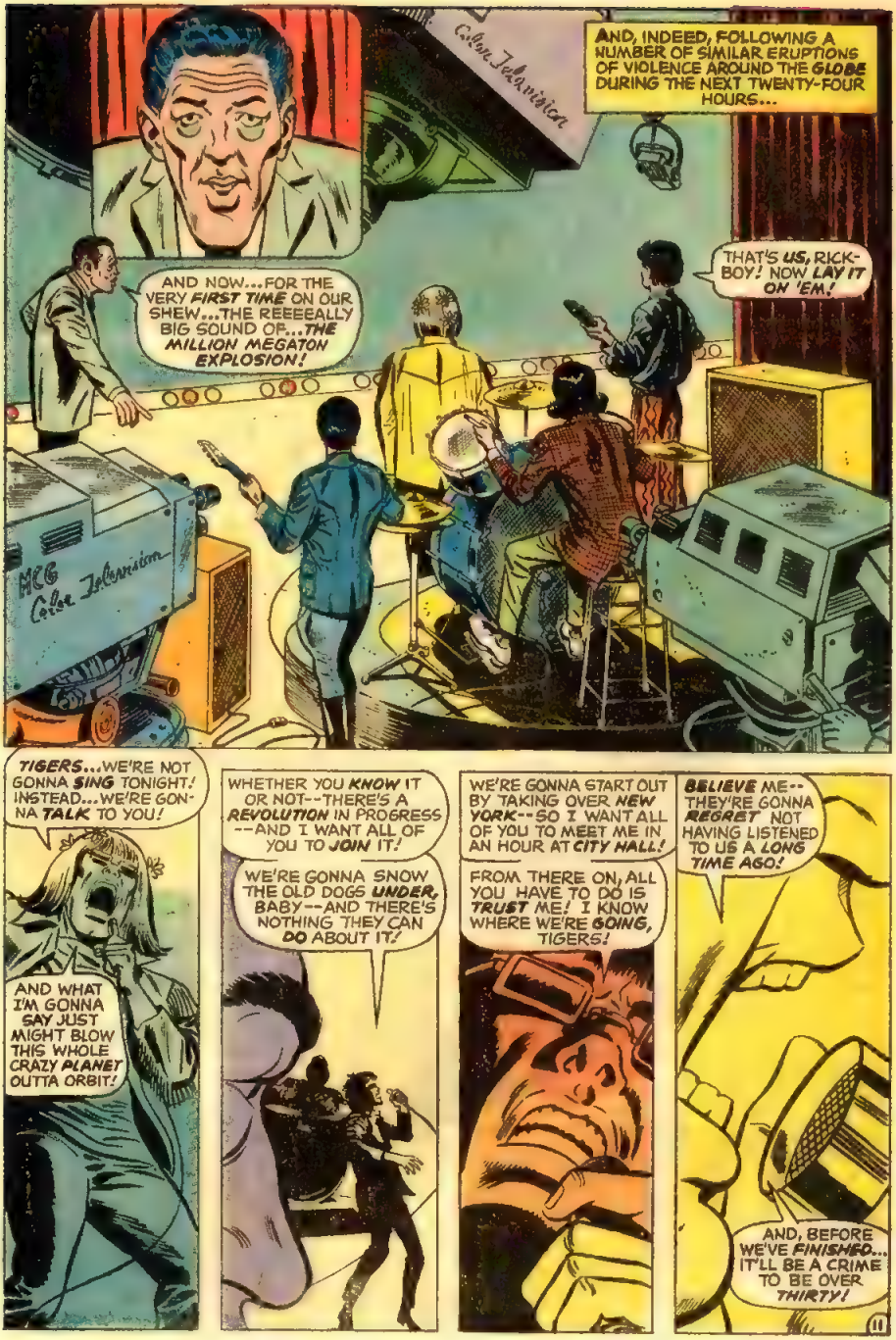
YOU JUST KEEP YER HEAD BURIED IN MY SHOULDER, BABY-- TILL I GET US A CAB AND WE GET AWAY FROM HERE!
THEN, MOMENTS LATER...
I DON'T GET IT, LAURA! THEY COULD'A KILLED US--BUT THEY SEEMED TO LET UP THERE TOWARD THE LAST!
IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, UNLESS WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS DIDN'T WANT ME DEAD JUST YET!
PLENTY'A TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER, THO! RIGHT NOW, LET'S GET THIS HEAP HEADED FOR THE HELI-CARRIER!
I FIGURE SHIELD'S GOT A BIG STAKE IN WHAT THOSE KIDS DID TONIGHT!
THE ONLY THING I KNOW OF THAT COULD'A TURNED 'EM INTO A PACK OF ANIMALS LIKE THAT IS...THE HATE-RAY!
THEN, YOU THINK THE HATE-MONGER IS BEHIND THIS? BUT...WHY WOULD HE PICK ON MERE TEENAGERS?
I AIN'T SURE-- BUT YOU CAN BET YER SWEET BIPPY I'M GONNA FIND OUT!
AND, AFTER A RAPID-DOCKING WITH THE AIRBORNE ARSENAL WHICH SERVES AS SHIELD HEADQUARTERS...
I THINK HE'S DOING A LOT WORSE THAN THAT! JUST CAUSIN' A BUNCH'A KIDS TO RUN HOG-WILD DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE, UNLESS...
SO YA THINK HE'S USIN' THAT RAY WHATCHAMACALLIT TA TURN THE KIDS INTA JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, HUH?
...YEAH! NOW I REMEMBER-- THEY WERE SCREAMIN' THEY WANTED TO KILL ME 'CAUSE I WAS OLD PEOPLE!
SO IT'S GOTTA BE THAT...HE'S TRYIN' TO START A REVOLUTION-- GET THE KIDS TO START A BIG HASSLE WITH THE ADULTS!
BUT WHAT'S HE GONNA GAIN BY THAT? THAT KIND'A THING'S BEEN GOIN' ON FOR YEARS!
THAT'S TRUE, MR. DUGAN-- BUT THE GENERATION GAP HAS NEVER REALLY EXPLODED--AND THIS TIME, IT JUST MIGHT!


AND, INDEED, FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF SIMILAR ERUPTIONS OF VIOLENCE AROUND THE GLOBE DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS...
AND NOW...FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME ON OUR SHEW...THE REEEEALLY BIG SOUND OF...THE MILLION MEGATON EXPLOSION!
THAT'S US, RICK-BOY! NOW LAY IT ON 'EM!
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TIGERS...WE'RE NOT GONNA SING TONIGHT! INSTEAD...WE'RE GONNA TALK TO YOU!
AND WHAT I'M GONNA SAY JUST MIGHT BLOW THIS WHOLE CRAZY PLANET OUTTA ORBIT!
WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT--THERE'S A REVOLUTION IN PROGRESS --AND I WANT ALL OF YOU TO JOIN IT!
WE'RE GONNA SNOW THE OLD DOGS UNDER, BABY--AND THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT!
WE'RE GONNA START OUT BY TAKING OVER NEW YORK--SO I WANT ALL OF YOU TO MEET ME IN AN HOUR AT CITY HALL!
FROM THERE ON, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TRUST ME! I KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING, TIGERS!
BELIEVE ME--THEY'RE GONNA REGRET NOT HAVING LISTENED TO US A LONG TIME AGO!
AND, BEFORE WE'VE FINISHED... IT'LL BE A CRIME TO BE OVER THIRTY!
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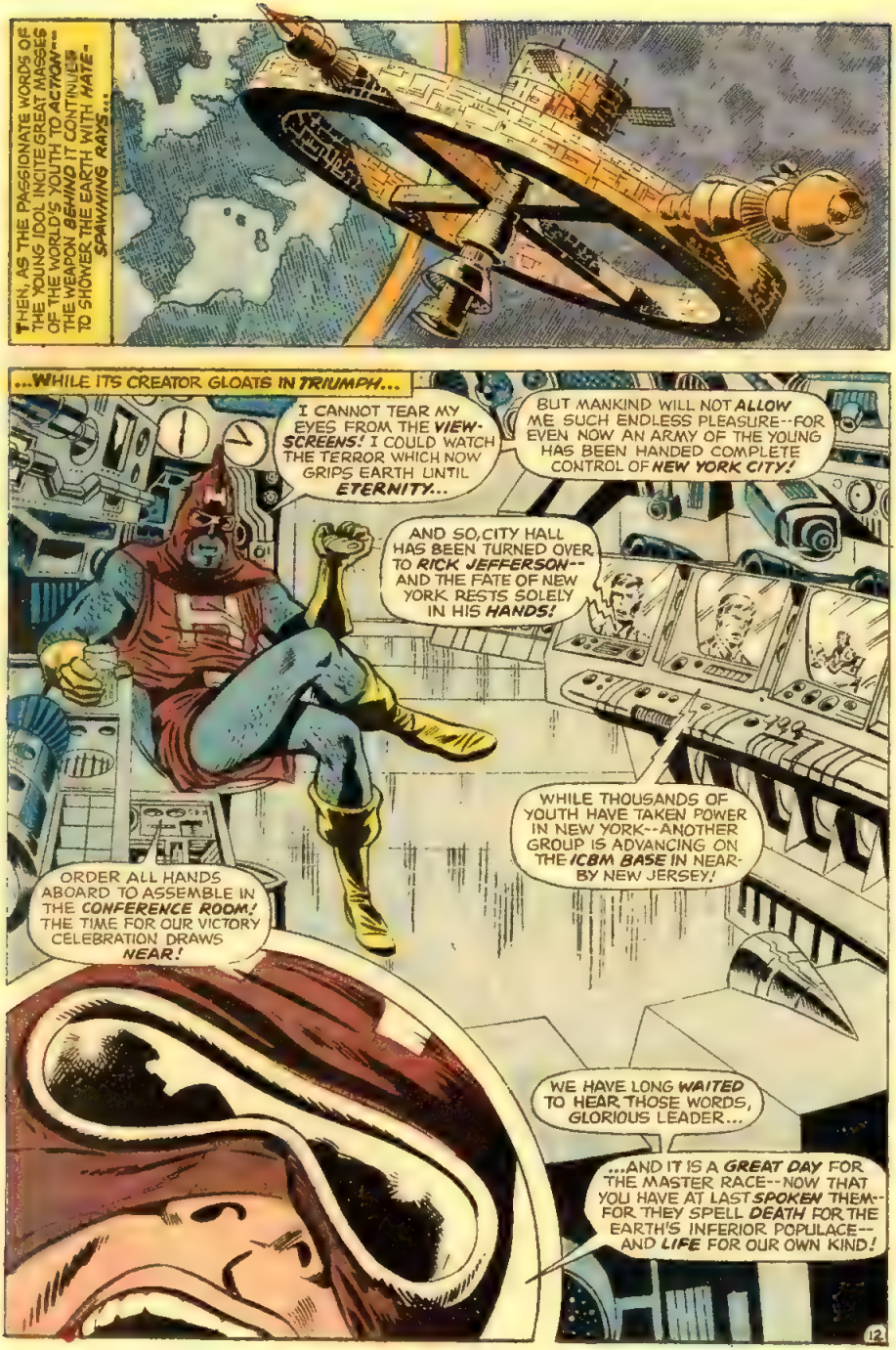
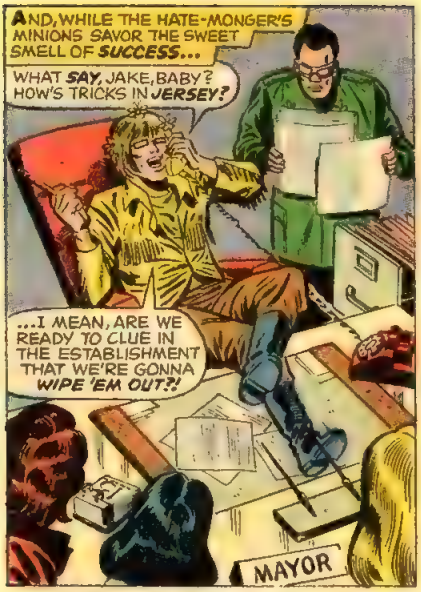
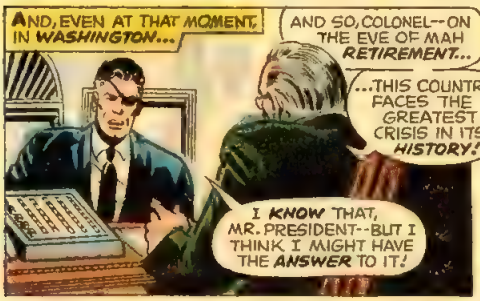
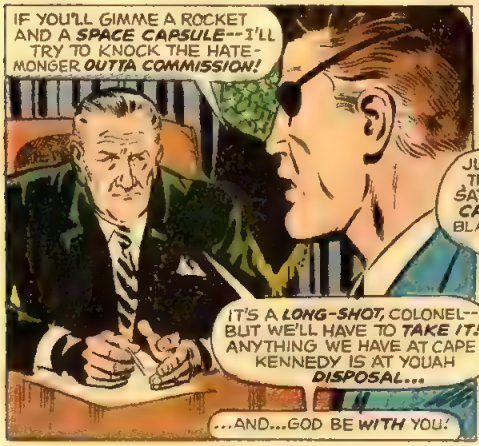
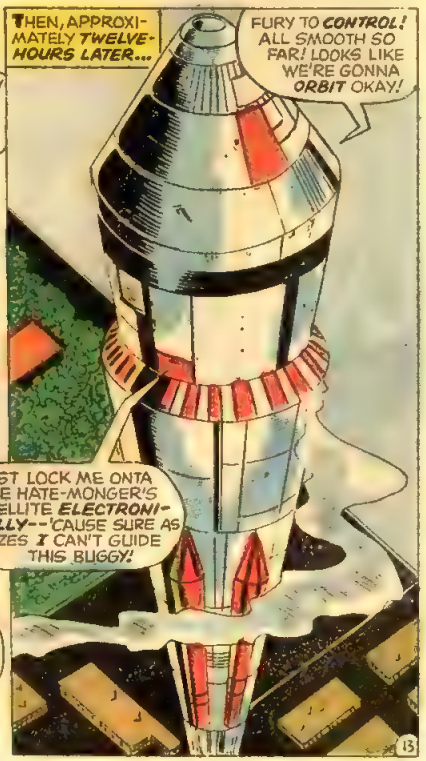

THEN, AS THE PASSIONATE WORDS OF THE YOUNG IDOL INCITE GREAT MASSES OF THE WORLD'S YOUTH TO ACTION--THE WEAPON BEHIND IT CONTINUES TO SHOWER THE EARTH WITH HATE-SPAWNING RAYS...
...WHILE ITS CREATOR GLOATS IN TRIUMPH...
I CANNOT TEAR MY EYES FROM THE VIEW-SCREENS! I COULD WATCH THE TERROR WHICH NOW GRIPS EARTH UNTIL ETERNITY...
BUT MANKIND WILL NOT ALLOW ME SUCH ENDLESS PLEASURE--FOR EVEN NOW AN ARMY OF THE YOUNG HAS BEEN HANDED COMPLETE CONTROL OF NEW YORK CITY!
AND SO, CITY HALL HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO RICK JEFFERSON--AND THE FATE OF NEW YORK RESTS SOLELY IN HIS HANDS!
WHILE THOUSANDS OF YOUTH HAVE TAKEN POWER IN NEW YORK--ANOTHER GROUP IS ADVANCING ON THE ICBM BASE IN NEAR-BY NEW JERSEY!
ORDER ALL HANDS ABOARD TO ASSEMBLE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM! THE TIME FOR OUR VICTORY CELEBRATION DRAWS NEAR!
WE HAVE LONG WAITED TO HEAR THOSE WORDS, GLORIOUS LEADER...
...AND IT IS A GREAT DAY FOR THE MASTER RACE--NOW THAT YOU HAVE AT LAST SPOKEN THEM--FOR THEY SPELL DEATH FOR THE EARTH'S INFERIOR POPULACE--AND LIFE FOR OUR OWN KIND!


AND, WHILE THE HATE-MONGER'S MINIONS SAVOR THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS...
WHAT SAY, JAKE, BABY? HOW'S TRICKS IN JERSEY?
...I MEAN, ARE WE READY TO CLUE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT THAT WE'RE GONNA WIPE 'EM OUT?!
MAYOR

POSITIVE, LEADER-MAN! WE GOT THE MISSILE BASE ALL TO OURSELVES--ALONG WITH A COUPLE'A ROCKETRY WHIZZES WHO ARE ON OUR SIDE!
SO, IF THE OLD GUARD WON'T GIVE US THE COUNTRY--WE GOT WHAT WE NEED TO BLOW IT UP!


AND, EVEN AT THAT MOMENT, IN WASHINGTON...
AND SO, COLONEL--ON THE EVE OF MAH RETIREMENT...
...THIS COUNTRY FACES THE GREATEST CRISIS IN ITS HISTORY!
I KNOW THAT, MR. PRESIDENT--BUT I THINK I MIGHT HAVE THE ANSWER TO IT!


IF YOU'LL GIMME A ROCKET AND A SPACE CAPSULE--I'LL TRY TO KNOCK THE HATE-MONGER OUTTA COMMISSION!
IT'S A LONG-SHOT, COLONEL--BUT WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT! ANYTHING WE HAVE AT CAPE KENNEDY IS AT YOUAH DISPOSAL...
...AND...GOD BE WITH YOU!


THEN, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE-HOURS LATER...
FURY TO CONTROL! ALL SMOOTH SO FAR! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA ORBIT OKAY!
JUST LOCK ME ONTA THE HATE-MONGER'S SATELLITE ELECTRONICALLY--'CAUSE SURE AS BLAZES I CAN'T GUIDE THIS BUGGY!

HOWEVER, FORTUNATELY, NASA MISSION CONTROL CAN GUIDE THE CRAFT--AND WITH DEADLY ACCURACY! SO, AFTER A BLAZING CHASE HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD...
FURY TO CONTROL... I'M CLOSIN' IN ON IT! JUST GET ME CLOSE ENOUGH TO DOCK...
...AND FROM THERE ON...IT'LL ALL BE UP TO ME!
THEN, AS MILLIONS BELOW HOLD THEIR BREATHS, THE TINY CAPSULE CLOSES TO WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF THE GIGANTIC, ORBITING SPACE STATION...
THE JOES ON THE GROUND'VE TAKEN CARE'A THE HARD PART!
THO IT WOULD'A BEEN NICE, IF THEY COULD'A GOT ME INSIDE, TOO!
BUT, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL LINK-UP...
I GUESS I HAD TO DO SOMETHIN' FOR MYSELF!
...BESIDES MAKIN' MINCE-MEAT OUTTA FIFTY-THOUSAND'A THE HATE-MONGER'S PLAYMATES!
AND THAT'S GOTTA BE COMIN' UP ANY MINUTE NOW!
WOULDN'T YA JUST KNOW IT!
DIDN'T HARDLY GIMME TIME TA GET THE WORDS OUTTA MY MOUTH!
ZAT!
NUTHIN' MY TRUSTY STUN-RAY CAN'T TAKE CARE OF, THO!
WORKS JUST ABOUT AS GOOD AS REAL-KILL ON A COCK-ROACH PICNIC!
GOTTA KEEP MOVIN' NOW--MAKE IT TO THE MAIN LAB!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME--I GOTTA CLOBBER THAT HATE-RAY OR KISS MOTHER EARTH GOODBYE!
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WHILE, IN ANOTHER CHAMBER OF THE VAST SATELLITE, FURY'S PRESENCE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE HATE-MONGER...
SO, ONCE MORE FURY DARES TO ENTER MY DOMAIN --A MISTAKE I VOW WILL BE HIS LAST!
THOUGH I HAD PLANNED FOR HIM TO LIVE TO WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION OF EARTH...TO SEE HIM WATCH ALL HE HAS FOUGHT FOR CRUSHED BEFORE HIS HELPLESS EYES...
...I DARE NOT DELAY HIS EXECUTION! SO, WITH THE TOUCH OF THIS BUTTON, THE ANGEL OF DEATH CLAIMS NICK FURY!
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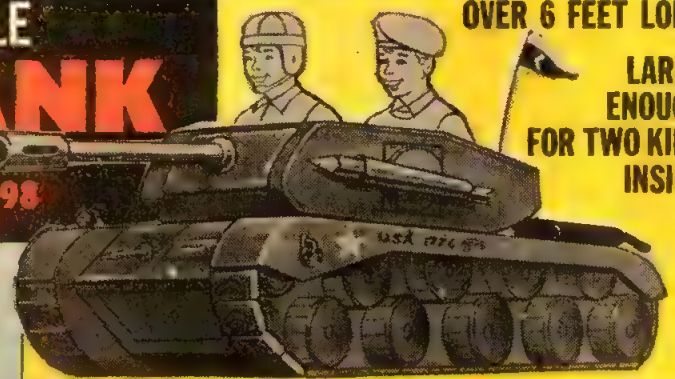

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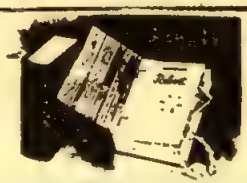

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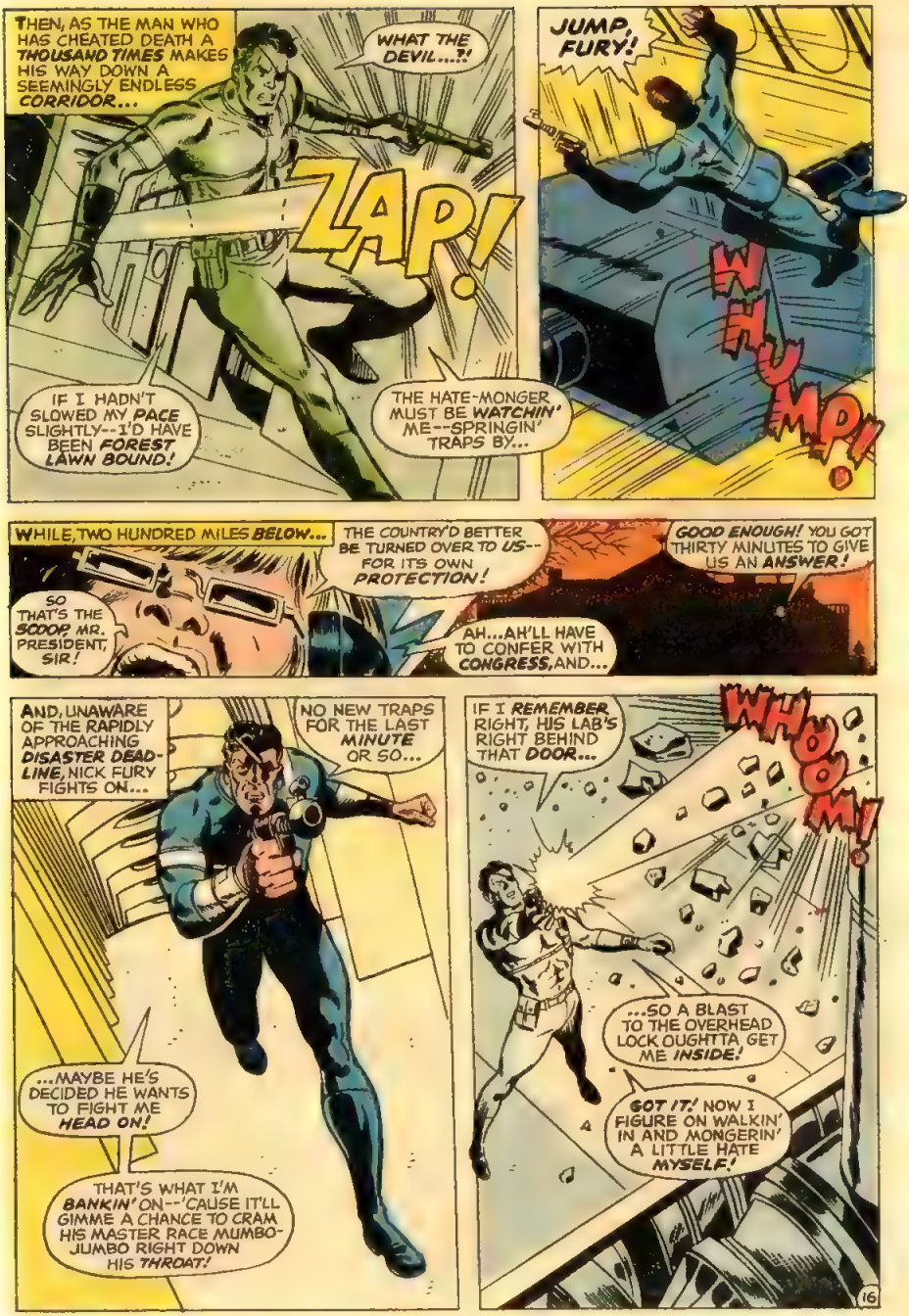
THEN, AS THE MAN WHO HAS CHEATED DEATH A THOUSAND TIMES MAKES HIS WAY DOWN A SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CORRIDOR...
WHAT THE DEVIL...?!
ZAP!
IF I HADN'T SLOWED MY PACE SLIGHTLY--I'D HAVE BEEN FOREST LAWN BOUND!
THE HATE-MONGER MUST BE WATCHIN' ME--SPRINGIN' TRAPS BY...
JUMP, FURY!
WHUMP!
WHILE, TWO HUNDRED MILES BELOW...
THE COUNTRY'D BETTER BE TURNED OVER TO US--FOR ITS OWN PROTECTION!
GOOD ENOUGH! YOU GOT THIRTY MINUTES TO GIVE US AN ANSWER!
SO THAT'S THE SCOOP, MR. PRESIDENT, SIR!
AH...AH'LL HAVE TO CONFER WITH CONGRESS, AND...
AND, UNAWARE OF THE RAPIDLY APPROACHING DISASTER DEAD-LINE, NICK FURY FIGHTS ON...
NO NEW TRAPS FOR THE LAST MINUTE OR SO...
...MAYBE HE'S DECIDED HE WANTS TO FIGHT ME HEAD ON!
THAT'S WHAT I'M BANKIN' ON--'CAUSE IT'LL GIMME A CHANCE TO CRAM HIS MASTER RACE MUMBO-JUMBO RIGHT DOWN HIS THROAT!
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, HIS LAB'S RIGHT BEHIND THAT DOOR...
WHOOOM!
...SO A BLAST TO THE OVERHEAD LOCK OUGHTTA GET ME INSIDE!
GOT IT! NOW I FIGURE ON WALKIN' IN AND MONGERIN' A LITTLE HATE MYSELF!

WELCOME, HERR FURY--AND MAY I ADD MY REGRETS THAT YOUR VISIT MUST BE ONE OF GREAT BREVITY!
HOWEVER, BEFORE I ASK YOU TO LEAVE...
YA GOT IT ALL WRONG, HERBIE! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S TAKIN' A TRIP!
SILENCE, SCHWEINHUND...OR YOU WILL DIE IMMEDIATELY... WITHOUT HAVING WITNESSED MY GREATEST TRIUMPH!
NOW, IF YOU WILL BE SO KIND AS TO DIRECT YOUR SIGHT TO MY VIEW SCREENS!
SORRY ABOUT THIS, MR. PRESIDENT, SIR...
BUT, SINCE THE COUNTRY HASN'T BEEN SIGNED OVER TO US YET, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO--
NO... WAIT!
YOU HAVE HEARD ENOUGH, FURY...
...NOW THE MOMENT OF YOUR EXECUTION IS UPON YOU!
AH ASSURE YOU WE WANT TO GIVE IT CONSIDERATION, BUT..
THOUGH I COULD KILL YOU WITH THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH OF A BUTTON...
...I FIND IT FAR MORE SATISFYING TO DO IT BY MY HAND!
UUNNNHH!!
THUMMP!
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MISTER...THAT JUST MIGHT BE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE YOU EVER MADE!
AAGGHH!
WHOOM!
YA SEE, IT AIN'T ENOUGH TO JUST GO AROUND SAYIN' YOU'RE BETTER THAN EVERYBODY ELSE...
...YOU GOTTA PROVE IT!
AS YOU WISH, DUMMKOPF! I WAS MERELY TOYING WITH YOU...
...BUT NOW WE FIGHT FOR REAL!
HE IS FAR STRONGER THAN I REALIZED...
...BUT HE STILL IS NO MATCH FOR ME!
HE AIN'T THE PUSHOVER I THOUGHT HE'D BE...SO I BETTER FINISH HIM...
...NOW!
AARRGGHHH!
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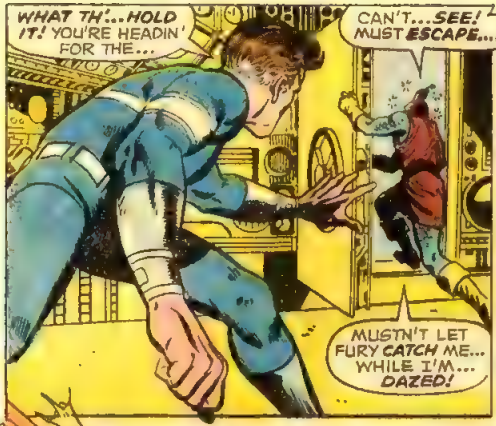
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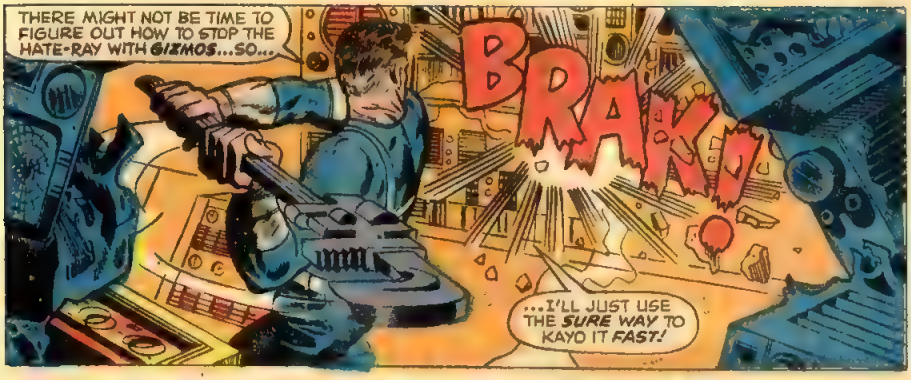
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BRAK!
...I'LL JUST USE THE SURE WAY TO KAYO IT FAST!

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OKAY, LET THE BOMBS...}UNNHH!
MAN, AM I DIZZY! WHAT... WHERE IS THIS?
I THOUGHT WE WERE PLAYIN' A GIG TONIGHT!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE LETTING IT ALL HANG OUT, MAN! WE GOT A SCENE TO MAKE!
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**ITEM!** Remember our telling you about Bashful BARRY SMITH, the pandemonious penciller we imported from Britain, last ish? Well, never let it be said that your blushin' Bullpen doesn't go all-out when we move! We also latched onto a buddy of Barry's, none other than Stupifyin' STEVE PARKHOUSE, who's destined to be a Marvel staffer — and writes as smashing a bit of superhero skulduggery as you could wanna read! Steve's youthful, toothful, and a heckuva writer — so, what with him, Rascally Roy, Groovy Gary, and Archie and Arnie (the typewriter twins), maybe Smiley will get that vacation someday yet!

**ITEM!** Speaking of bombastic Bullpeners, didja catch the name of STU SCHWARTZBERG in the latest NOT BRAND ECHH? The syncopated Mr. S. is both a comedy writer and gag cartoonist (run for the hills, Mariel), and is also the lord high punjab of our photostat machine. The machine gives off a spooky green light and, just between us, it takes a lot of courage to drop in on Stu unexpectedly. It's like visiting the Castle of Frankenstein! (Who says we never gave you a plug, Calvin Beck?)

**ITEM!** Here's another tidbit for our glamour department. Didja know that Adorable ARTIE SIMEK, the demon speedball-penpusher, has a yoomy married daughter? And, didja know that she too is now lettering for nepotismatic Marvel? That's why you've been seeing the name JEAN SIMEK IZZO in the krazy-kredits panels more and more often. And so we've solved another mighty Marvel mystery!

**ITEM!** While we're at it, you might as well say hello to Titanic TONY MORTELLARO, the newest addition to JOLLY SOLLY's Put-The-Mags-Together Department. Tony's the trouble-maker who assembles the letters pages after they've been edited and socks 'em to ya with his trusty ol' paste-pot and scissors. He's also a wicked man with a paint brush, but more about that some other time. (By the way, you'd better be studying all these names every month! Never know when there'll be an exam!)

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**ITEM!** We've just enough room left to tell you that we've nothing left to tell you! Vale Atque Ave!

## STAN'S SOAPBOX

One of the things we try to demonstrate in our yarns is that nobody is all good, or all bad. Even a shoddy supervillain can have a redeeming trait, just as any howlin' hero might have his nutty hangups. One of the greatest barriers to real peace and justice in this troubled world is the feeling that everyone on the other side of the ideological fence is a "bad guy". We don't know if you're a far-out radical, or Mr. Establishment himself — if you're a black militant or a white liberal — if you're a pantin' protest marcher or a jolly John Bircher — but, whatever you are, don't get bogged down by kindergarten labels! It's time we learned how fruitless it is to think in terms of us and them — of black and white. Maybe, just maybe, the other side isn't all bad. Maybe your own point of view isn't the only one that's divinely inspired. Maybe we'll never find true understanding until we listen to the other guy; and until we realize that we can never march across the Rainbow Bridge to true Nirvana — unless we do it side-by-side!

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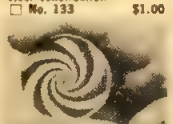

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## c/o MARVEL COMICS GROUP, 625 MADISON AVE., N.Y., N.Y. 10022

Dear Stan and Jim,

The cover of NICK FURY, AGENT OF SHIELD #7 was the ultimate in artistic expression, a blend of the macabre, a Dali-esque experience of symbolism and distorted forms. It was, as was the cover of the last Shield issue, a Steranko masterpiece . . . and beyond that, the most significant aspect of those particular issues. Unfortunately for the most part, Mr. Springer's art, while not wholly unimaginative, seems crowded with scratchy figures. Nick Fury is no longer the sleek, graceful symbol of heroism as depicted by Jim Steranko. I am reminded fondly of his characterizations of Jimmy Woo, Gabe and Dum Dum . . . their appearance in recent issues just didn't seem the same. Gabe, who had been turning slightly Bohemian at the beginning of the Shield vs. Yellow Claw issues, has reverted back to sheer conservatism . . . as witness his neat hat and suit. Dum Dum Dugan, whom I best remember wanting to shadow box with Nick Fury in "Today Earth Died!" (a particularly poignant scene) seemed brutish and hardened. There isn't any need to comment on the condition of Jimmy Woo if one remembers his presentation in "Today Earth Died!" Still, the Goodwin/Springer story "Hours of Madness — Day of Death" had a few good points. Sister Angela was a good move . . . but she wasn't used as effectively as the minor characters who peopled the earlier SHIELD sagas. If one hadn't become so attached to all these people in the past, this issue would have been more effective. And yet, this is Nick Fury now . . . and the Steranko Fury is but a remembrance of the past. So don't mind if I pause for a moment. Just one. Remembering.

Donald F. McGregor, 43 Wildwood Ave.
Providence, R. I. 02907

Dear Stan, Archie, and Frank,

S.H.I.E.L.D. #7 was absolutely *sizzling!* And that cover — I almost went blind looking at it! If I sent it to a modern art museum, I could get $100,000 for it! And those scenes of Fury's madness — especially panel 1, page 6! Frank, you were at your best in this issue!

Michael O'Brien, 119 Shawmut Ave.
North Haven, Conn. 06473

Dear Stan, Ernie, and Frank,

Just read S.H.I.E.L.D. #8 and loved it! If Jim Steranko's new mag is as great, or greater (if that's possible) than S.H.I.E.L.D. was when he did it, I won't complain about you taking him off S.H.I.E.L.D. Frank Springer's art gets better every ish. I like that new title head. Oh well, yours 'til Fury becomes a grammar teacher. . . .

David Kennedy, 107 South Church St., Gallery 107
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

Dear Stan, and Non-Yielders,

A letter in ish #7 brought to my attention the predicament of the "what and why" of S.H.I.E.L.D. and the confusing name. Firstly, S.H.I.E.L.D. is a sub-organization. It's the Law-Enforcement Division (L.D.) of the Supreme Headquarters International Espionage (S.H.I.E.) This is why Director Fury can cavort around in his jump suit and risk his muscular little neck—because a man in charge of field (S.H.I.E.L.D. field) operations doesn't have to run a world-wide operation. Secondly, there is no secondly except to say that Steranko just doesn't know how to draw a bad cover.

Blair Hemstock, 258 Westwood Dr.
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

**We're inclined to agree with you on that point, Blair. And on most of the other points you bring up. In fact we agree with *all* the points you bring up. While we're at it . . . we agree with the whole letter. You know something? You're a pretty agreeable type of guy!**

Dear Stan, Ernie, and Frank,

I am writing to say I disagree with Robert Ewing's letter in issue #8, in which he said that Fury is between 58-64 years old. Fury's father died in 1918. Nick could have been anywhere from 6 months to 6 years old! By the time he got in the war, which was 22 years later (1940) he could have been between 22-28 — and now 28 years later he would be 50-56 — not 58-64!

Harvey Schein, 5319 N. Kenmore
Chicago, Ill. 60640

**That's how we figured it, Harvey. A man of fifty isn't exactly a spring chicken . . . but he doesn't qualify for a wheelchair either! With all the rigorous training methods imposed by SHIELD . . . and the lifetime of action Fury has undergone . . . we reckon he's good for a few years yet!**

## KNOW YE THESE, THE HALLOWED RANKS OF MARVELDOM:

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**P.M.M.** (PERMANENT MARVELITE MAXIMUS)—ANYONE POSSESSING ALL FOUR OF THE OTHER TITLES.

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Dear Stan, Ernie, and Frank,

I just can't figure you guys out! Frank Springer did the S.H.I.E.L.D. #8 cover that was so good it could have brandished the Steranko signature. Yet at this, and only this time, you allowed someone else to share the title credits with Mr. Springer. Just when I thought Frank might be headed for the top! You'd better watch those detours, (Marvel!) Nevertheless, whether it was part Frank Springer or part result of the writer's effort, S.H.I.E.L.D. #8 was part memorable. I refer you to the panel sequence on page 8. Evidently Jim is not completely lost to S.H.I.E.L.D., for it seems that this is only a portion of the legacy that still remains. Some day, men shall proudly and formally refer to this as the "Steranko Sequence". Or look to page 9, panel 4; the absence of dialogue when Nick reached for his gun was somehow effective. An additional specific praise goes to panel 5 of page 14. Only one regret in the whole story: that the coloring wasn't more colorful and brighter. The colors were very gloomy, which is okay — but not for an entire ish! Wouldn't it be great not to have one Steranko and one Springer — but to have a composite of both — there would be a superhero! Finally, I must mention the last two panels with that last bit of dialogue. It was indeed one of those hallowed times when a writer can be proud of himself when his story ends with a perfect ending. And so, that's much of what made the last exhale — that final breath — of the story worth it. *Au revoir.*

Anthony Kowalik, 15641 Union Ave.
Harvey, Ill. 60426

Dear Stan, Ernie, and Frank,

S.H.I.E.L.D. #8 was pretty good compared to the two issues before it. You guys may be going mad over this comic series, but you can't bring out its meaning like one man: Jim Steranko. He's the only man for NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D., and by the way, Val is the only girl for Nick!

Wayne Dallas, 143-16 111 Ave.
Jamaica, N. Y. 11435

Dear Archie, and Frank,

I really must congratulate you guys! Archie and Frank have taken on the formidable task of replacing Jim Steranko (what an act to follow) and have actually come out of it looking pretty good! But there are a few points that need revamping. S.H.I.E.L.D. #7 is a good case in point. Storywise. Archie was able to capture the excitement and tension that keynoted Jim's work on the mag. All the elements, including the powerful ending, the fascinating supporting cast, and the intricate plotting were here in abundance. To replace Jim Steranko now is just a little hard, but I think Frank Springer could actually make something of the mag — given a chance on his own. His main problem is that he seems to be trying to carry out the style that Jim made so popular, but unfortunately, it just doesn't work. There seem to be two different styles employed in the book — one looks quite natural and comes off very well — while the other looks like an attempt at imitation and comes off just as poorly. Will Jim be back at S.H.I.E.L.D. soon, indeed, will he be back at all? The development of this incredibly talented young man was one of the most spectacular happenings in the Marvel saga. Peace.

Bruce Coville, P. O. Box 9659, Duke Station
Durham, N. C. 27706

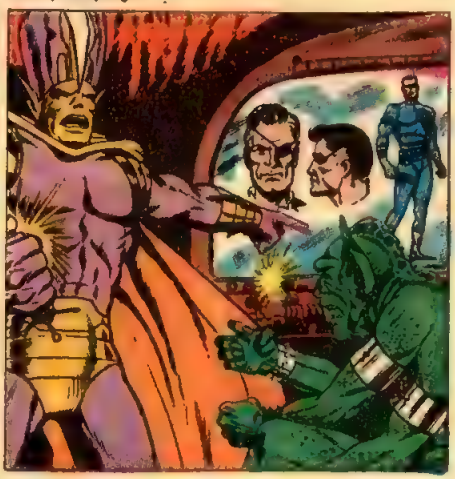
**May the Forbush Fungus never strike thee, Bruce! Rest assured that Jim's towering talent will never be lost. By the time you read this you may have seen the Jaunty One's CAPTAIN AMERICA! A real blast of an issue featuring the Man's sensational script . . . and Jim's electrifying artwork! A *must* for all Captain America fans! (Hey! Just whose letter page *is* this?)**

Dear Stan, Archie and Frank,

Who says that when you change artist and writer you have to change character format? Nick Fury, as the Agent of Shield is not the same man since this talent turn over. This is not a bad reflection on Archie and Frank's work . . . but lately Shield has been inconsistent. What happened to Val? And the other new agents that made a refreshing change from Dum Dum and Gabe (who we see 'nuff of in SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS). Did they just fade away? Are you going to let this powerful background of supporting characters go? Don't bring back Jasper Sitwell—he's a drag. And tell colorist Springer those one-color panels muddy the whole bit. Keep SHIELD cool with things us normal people don't do. Keep SHIELD new, clever, fresh and up-to-date . . . OR THE WHOLE CONCEPT IS GOING TO FAIL! Don't Yield . . . say thank you.

Gary Dahlberg, 1715 Oliver Ave. N
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

**Thank you, Gary. The point in question is a good one . . . but don't forget the cast of Fury (both Sgt.-and Agent-) is quite a large one. They have to be rotated so we can squeeze 'em all in from time to time. The supporting characters will never die . . . they are merely sleeping!**



Dear Stan,

Keep Steranko!!! Jim is one of the best artists you have. My interest in FURY started back with Them and AIM, and it has steadily increased. Please show more cars! Maybe you haven't noticed, but the cover of SHIELD #7 with the melting floor and wheels as well as the clocks is faintly reminiscent of Salvador Dali and his surrealist art. Some of his outstanding features are objects that look as though they were made of wax that had melted.

Ken Ogden, 1555 Hampshire Road
Victoria, B. C., Canada

**Worse than that, Ken. The objects you mentioned were made of *metal* and *still* they melted! When jaunty Jim draws a SHIELD cover, he really goes all out — and, to tell the truth, we don't think that ol' Salvador himself could have come up with a better cover! But then, we've *always* been just a wee bit prejudiced in favor of the spectacular Mr. Steranko!**

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